

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING THE LIFE OF OHIO STATE SENATOR EDNA BROWN

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to distinguished Ohio Senator Edna Brown, a trailblazer who recently passed away.

Edna Brown was a remarkable public servant from Toledo, Ohio, who dedicated her life and her three decades of service to improving the well-being and future of our community.

As the first and only African American to represent Lucas County in the Ohio Senate, she blazed a trail for many to follow at the highest level of elected office in Ohio.

She was a warm, inviting, and immensely kind person whose focus was always on public service and bettering the lives of the people she served, the people she truly loved.

Northwest Ohio lost a great champion. Her family lost a great mother and grandmother. America needs more people like Edna Brown in public service.

Her memory will live with us, and I know her legacy will inspire the next generation of Ohio's leaders, including women leaders.

I include in the RECORD her life story and obituary as a tribute to her persevering accomplishments for our Nation's betterment. Godspeed, Edna Brown. May the angels carry her very high, and may she rest in her peace.

#### SENATOR EDNA BROWN BIOGRAPHY

Edna Brown was elected to serve Ohio's 11th Senate District in November, 2010. She came from the Ohio House of Representatives, where she served Ohio's 48th House District. The Toledo native was a public school graduate who attended the University of Toledo and Mary Manse College. Her dedication to public service led to a 32-year career as an employee with the city of Toledo, followed by a six-year tenure on Toledo City Council.

She moved to the Statehouse in January 2002 to fill the House seat of then newly-elected Toledo mayor Jack Ford. Since her arrival, she worked tirelessly on issues of voting rights, health, violence against women and economic development.

Her idea to bring "no excuse" absentee voting to Ohio was incorporated into a bill that became state law in January 2006. For her efforts, the Ohio Association of Election Officials and the Ohio Secretary of State honored her with the Jack Wolfe Memorial Award as one of two "Legislators of the Year." In 2007, Brown introduced a bill to immunize young women from the human papilloma virus, and a bill addressing violence in teen dating relationships.

Senator Brown served as a member of the House Finance & Appropriations Committee and as Chair of the Human Services Subcommittee. She also served on the House Commerce and Labor Committee, the Elections and Ethics Committee, and the Commerce and Labor Committee. Senator Brown sat on the Ohio Commission on Minority

Health Board and served as Chair of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. She was a member of the House Cancer Caucus.

Senator Brown was the First Vice President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, and served on the Executive Committee the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She also worked as state director for WILL/WAND, a non-partisan national organization for women legislators.

Senator Brown was very active in her hometown. She was instrumental in founding the Greater Toledo Urban League and sat on the Board of Directors. She was a past chair of the Administration Board for Braden United Methodist Church, and was a charter member of the Executive Women's Golf Association.

All of her efforts garnered Senator Brown numerous awards. She won an inaugural "ROSA" Award from the Toledo Board of Community Relations for living a life parallel to the example set by civil rights leader Rosa Parks. The Toledo YWCA also honored Brown as a 2007 Milestone Award recipient for her contributions and achievements and WILL/WAND honored her with a Pacesetter Award the same year.

#### SENATOR EDNA BROWN OBITUARY

Senator Edna R. Brown, a Servant to Toledo, Mentor to many and Friend to all, passed away peacefully in her home, Saturday, January 1, 2022.

She was born in Tuscaloosa Alabama, April 4, 1940, the oldest of ten children, to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie and Pauline Hutton. She relocated to Toledo in 1952, attended The Jesup W. High Scott her freshman year in 1954 and graduated from The Harriett E. Whitney Vocational High School in 1958 and attended what was known as Mary Manse College and the University of Toledo. While at the University of Toledo, she accepted a position with the City of Toledo, which led to a 32-year career serving the Toledo Communities.

After retirement from the City of Toledo, Senator Brown began her career as an elected official. She was sworn into office January 3, 1994, to serve on Toledo City Council. When the late Jack Ford resigned from The Ohio House of Representatives to become Mayor of Toledo, Edna was appointed to serve the remainder of his term. Representative Brown was elected to a full term in 2002 and was re-elected four times. In 2010 Senator Brown won the Ohio State Senator seat, where she served as the Minority Whip and represented the 11th Senate District from 2011 until her retirement, December 31, 2018.

During her political career, Senator Brown sponsored and or co-sponsored legislation to benefit Veterans and their Families, Women, Children, and the Elderly. She was the original sponsor of the "NO EXCUSE" absentee voting for Ohio in 2005 and was the primary sponsor of HB 10 which addressed violence in teen dating. She proudly sponsored a bill to create Special License Plates for members of the Ohio Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons.

Senator Brown was preceded in death by parents; husband of 40 years Willie Brown; daughter, Carol Lewis; brothers, Charlie Hutton, Jr. and Joseph D. Hutton. She leaves to cherish her loving memory: daughters, Linda Armstrong, Christine Brown Daniels (Dayton OH) and Kathy (Johnnado) Dadzie; thirteen grand and great-grandchildren; sisters Imogene Lott, Lula (Ruben) Aldridge

and Essie Powell (Dayton, OH); brothers, Johnny Hutton and Dr. Thomas (Lucille) Hutton. Services of Remembrance for Senator Brown will be Private. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Braden United Methodist Church.

"I have always strived to improve the lives of others, and find solace in knowing that I gave my all to the people of Lucas County," Senator Edna Brown.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO J. CARTER SEIBEL

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to J. Carter Seibel, who passed away on December 28, 2021 at seventy-four years of age. A resident of Delta, Pennsylvania for nearly fifty years, Carter was a friend to many in the community. Nowhere was that more evident than during his time as a teacher at North Harford High School in Pylesville, Maryland where he taught for over two decades, touching the lives of countless students.

He established a German language program at North Harford, advised on the school's yearbook, and offered up his musical talents playing piano in the school's musicals. His love of music and the piano brought joy to many in the community as he played at numerous weddings and events, including some hosted by his former students. Carter also loved Delta as well, serving as a member of the Borough Council and working on initiatives aimed at promoting the borough.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Cindy, as well as his children and grandchildren on Carter's passing. He will be missed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, had my vote for Call of the House been cast, it would have been recorded as present. Had I been present, I would have voted pres Roll Call No. 1.

## HONORING 100 YEARS OF THE WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BRONCO MARCHING BAND

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, during the fall of 2021, the Western Michigan University

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Bronco Marching Band celebrated its 100th season on the field. As a former member of the Michigan Marching Band, I can attest that no college football game day is complete without the sights and sounds of a marching band, particularly in Michigan. Since its inception in 1915, the Bronco Marching Band has been a staple within the greater Kalamazoo and Michigan communities, and a fixture on WMU's campus, both at home and away sporting events, and at many other university occasions, such as its Annual Concert open to all members of the community. The BMB Football Pre-game and Half-time Performances are honored as recognizing timely and creative themes, regularly recognizing the BMB as "The Best Band in the MAC." The Bronco Marching Band serves as the keeper and curator of WMU traditions, providing the expected soundtrack for returning alumni in a way that recordings cannot. Its performances off campus have even broader impact through parades, exhibitions, and community service, including performances and media appearances in numerous Kalamazoo Holiday Events. Over the years, the BMB has also brought national attention to Michigan, Kalamazoo, and WMU during appearances at the International Bowl, Texas Bowl, Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl, Famous Idaho Potato Bowls (2), Cotton Bowl, First Responder Bowl, and the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit. The BMB's dedicated 300+ members and staff, and thousands of BMB Alumni, have brought joy and Bronco Spirit to millions over the past century with hits such as "I've Got a Girl in Kalamazoo," and "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," as well as the beloved Bronco Fight Song. Congratulations again to the WMU Bronco Marching Band on this major milestone. I look forward to seeing what you achieve in the next 100 years. Go Broncos.

THE U.S. ECONOMY REMAINS #1 IN 2021, BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR FUTURE?

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed.

MANY PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNS

While many public policy issues are greatly concerning—from COVID-19 to the crisis at our southern border to education gaps relative to our ability to compete economically—in our opinion, the following three are paramount for the U.S. Congress and Biden Administration.

THE SHRINKING INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH AMERICA

In 1960, North American total global GDP was \$597.42 billion or 43.7%, with the U.S. contributing \$543 billion or just under 40 percent of the total global GDP of \$1.367 trillion (China's 1960 global GDP by comparison was \$59.72 billion or \$4.39%).

China's 2021 global GDP grew to about \$16.86 trillion or 17.86% of total global GDP. Comparatively, 2021 North American GDP declined to 27.9% of total global GDP, while Asia—led by China, Japan, India, and South Korea—produced 33.7% of global GDP and extended its faster growth pace lead to more than two decades.

AN OBJECTIVE AND REALISTIC VIEW OF CHINA IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER IN WASHINGTON D.C.

On December 29, 2021 the Chinese Communist Party ordered Hong Kong police to raid the headquarters of Stand News, a pro-democracy Hong Kong-based news service critical of government policy coming out of Beijing. Seven Stand employees were arrested, and all remaining employees were dismissed. China's action is another violation of the Sino-British agreement signed in 1997 giving Hong Kong economic and political freedom until 2047. The West, and especially the United States, must not continue to turn a blind eye toward China's treatment of Hong Kong.

We also must reverse the current trend which has allowed China to gain superior numbers of military assets to ours in the South China Sea and off the coasts of our numerous Asian allies. As tensions grow with China over Taiwan, we must acknowledge Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's comment: "the U.S. will pay an unbearable price" if we continue to support Taiwan. Our response must speak with conviction and specificity of the consequences China will suffer economically and potentially militarily if it moves against Taiwan, an important U.S. economic partner and champion of freedom and free enterprise.

With shortages of face masks to battle COVID-19 and computer chip delays that have challenged American automobile manufacturers, it should be apparent to both U.S. producers and consumers that U.S. businesses must rethink their previous supply chain strategy and be encouraged to produce more necessities at home.

Further, we must rally the world and hold China responsible for the COVID-19 outbreak and its consequences. It's the right thing to do and the only way to prevent a future outbreak.

We applaud Congress for passing a bill targeting China over Uyghur-forced labor practices. The measure prohibits imports from the Xinjiang region of China unless companies can prove the products were made without forced labor. We hope President Biden signs it immediately and more is done by the U.S. government and U.S. corporations to protect the rights and freedoms of Muslim Uyghurs living in China.

Broadening our view of China further, The Hill recently posited: Should a weakening and unstable Chinese economic model be as great a concern as a rising China? The answer is yes. China's concern over energy shortages, slowing economic growth and productivity, and debt now at 290% of GDP, demonstrates that confidence in the Chinese economic and political structure is teetering from within. In addition, recent crackdowns on the property and technology sectors will result in less flexibility and greater economic authoritarianism control over two sectors that account for 29 percent of Chinese GDP.

Our concerns regarding Chinese economic stability and their ability to execute their 5-year planning model hopefully will be a cause for concern within the greater Communist Party of China. Exposing the growing fragility and incompetence of the Chinese economic model could provide a boost for pro-market reform party members as they vote at the 2022 Communist Party Congress this fall. Open, honest and regular communication of China's current economic structural weaknesses could help market-friendly party members use data to thwart Xi Jinping's ambition to be only the third leader in the party's 100-year history elected to a third term. Perhaps a modern Chinese version of 'Radio-free Europe' would be useful in the months ahead?

U.S. ENERGY POLICY CONTINUES TO MAKE NO SENSE TO US

Oil prices continue to fluctuate, declining to the mid-\$60's range weeks ago only to rebound to more than \$77 a barrel currently. Many energy experts believe oil could trade at more than \$100 a barrel in 2022 if the Biden Administration continues its illogical energy policy. Remember that U.S. oil and natural gas are among the cleanest carbon-based fuels by category available in the world today. In fact, U.S. production of clean fossil fuels has dramatically reduced the U.S. carbon footprint, making it the global leader in carbon reduction in the industrialized world over the last 30 years. However, if cleaner U.S. oil and natural gas continue to be removed from the U.S. and world markets due to the Biden Administration's policies, five nonsensical results will occur: 1) The policy will enhance the political and public policy initiatives of countries unfriendly to democracy like Russia and Iran; 2) European allies will become more dependent on unfriendly nations for their oil and natural gas needs, thereby weakening the security and economic prowess of Europe and the United States; 3) More "dirtier" Russian and Iranian oil and natural gas on global markets coupled with less from the U.S. means a sustained increase of lower quality and higher polluting fossil fuel products on global energy markets (in effect, the Biden Administration's policy will increase the global carbon footprint rather than reduce it, making the policy anti-green rather than the pro-green policy it's currently being promoted to represent); 4) The policy will employ thousands of Russians and Iranians in high-paying oil industry-related jobs when those good jobs could be here in the United States with workers paying taxes to the United States; and, 5) Billions of dollars of local, state and federal tax revenue from U.S. oil companies will be lost to the U.S. government at all levels in the months and years ahead.

CONCLUSION

The U.S. National Debt currently stands at \$29.62 trillion (over \$89,000 per U.S. man, woman, and child and just under \$237,000 per U.S. taxpayer). Much of the current state of our national debt is due to excessive government spending on programs that are not needed while taking capital from private sector investments and U.S. national defense. It is crucial that U.S. fiscal, monetary and foreign policy focus on strategies that will grow U.S. capital investment, private sector job and economic growth, while defending the United States and our key allies. This is the only way to ensure that the United States will remain the world's only economic and military superpower.

BROOKWOOD FLORIDA'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brookwood Florida on 95 years of service. Brookwood Florida provides a home for girls, diverted by abuse, neglect, or family dysfunction, in which they learn to be self-sufficient and successful. They provide a unique, life-changing residential program for non-pregnant, non-addicted, at-risk girls between the ages of 13 and 21. Serving approximately 125 girls per year who have suffered abuse, neglect, homelessness, and

serious family dysfunction with a community-based program providing 24/7 care to help their clients move steadily toward self-sufficiency and reintegration within the community. I thank Brookwood Florida for their dedication to serving those in Tampa Bay and wish them continued success.

HONORING MR. J. DAVID  
VANDERVEEN

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. J. David VanderVeen on his retirement after 55 years of devoted service as director of Oakland County International Airport.

Mr. VanderVeen first took the reins as director of the airport on February 25, 1967—several years before the position of Oakland County county executive was even established. Since then, he's served under three elected county executives, seven Michigan governors, and a whopping eleven presidential administrations. Madam Speaker, to put this into perspective, Mr. VanderVeen has helmed the county airport longer than one-third of the Members of this Chamber have been alive.

However, beyond his record-breaking tenure, Mr. VanderVeen's accomplishments in that time truly stand out. Today, the runways at Oakland County International Airport capably handle an average of 120,000 takeoffs and landings per year, ranking it the twelfth-busiest general aviation airport in the world. In addition, over 150 corporations and more than 554 aircraft have entrusted the airport to serve as a base of operations, which contributes \$1 billion annually to the local economy of southeast Michigan.

Even our state's notorious winter storms, the bane of so many airports across the Midwest, have been no match for Mr. VanderVeen. Among his proudest achievements is that the runways never once closed due to snow or ice—the airport's steadfast ground crews have worked around the clock to keep them operational, including in 1982 when football fans flew in from all over the country to see Super Bowl XVI at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Simply put, for more than half a century, Mr. VanderVeen's leadership has been a touchstone of Oakland County government. He doesn't just have institutional knowledge, he is the institution. And while others may have come and gone, Mr. VanderVeen has remained at his post, helping his colleagues as they navigate the challenges of a dynamic county and growing community.

Several years ago, when Oakland County's first county executive, Daniel T. Murphy, passed away, Mr. VanderVeen spoke at a service for his former boss, remarking that, "Dan Murphy set the bar high for political leaders in this state."

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that, like Mr. Murphy, Mr. VanderVeen has similarly set the bar high for public servants—both in our state and across our nation. He has been an instrumental part of the county's success story, and there is no question he leaves his successor enormous shoes to fill.

While I understand that Mr. VanderVeen will continue to represent the current county executive on the county's parks and recreation and airport committees, I know I speak for everyone when I say that he's more than earned some well-deserved time off.

To his friends and loved ones, particularly his wife, Shelagh, his four children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, may they enjoy the time they now have to spend with him. And to all of my colleagues, may we take a page from Mr. VanderVeen's playbook and strive, as he did, to always put service before self. It's my honor to spotlight his incredible accomplishments.

HONORING AND COMMENDING THE  
WORK OF GRANT DUBOIS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the work of Mr. Grant Dubois in his tenure as the President of the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club.

Mr. Dubois has served as the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club for three consecutive years from 2019 to 2021 and was the youngest President in the club's history. As President, he facilitated a change in meeting venues from city park to a larger, more accommodating facility located in downtown Rockwall. The change in venue allowed for the club's growth.

Mr. Dubois also oversaw the two most successful fundraising golf tournaments the club has ever hosted. This golf tournament is named in honor of former member Ralph Hall. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment in his three years as the President of the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club is the record breaking growth in club membership. Despite the constraints of the pandemic, his tenure saw the club grow from 130 members to over 200.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the devotion of Mr. Grant Dubois to the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club. May God bless him and the future of the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club.

CELEBRATING THE TRICENTEN-  
NIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, NEW  
HAMPSHIRE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the tricentennial anniversary of the establishment of the Town of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire. Known as the Third Parish of Hampton prior to 1722, Hampton Falls was aptly renamed after falls on the Taylor River, their water used to power the watermills central to the town's early industries.

The earliest residents of Hampton Falls worked on farms and in the timber industry.

The town has stayed close to these roots, remaining heavily invested in farmland. Hampton Falls is home to Applecrest Orchards, the town's largest employer, New Hampshire's oldest and largest orchard and the oldest continuously operated orchard in the nation.

In 1735, a mere 13 years after its establishment, Hampton Falls fell victim to a horrible bout of Throat Distemper that caused more than 200 deaths in the small population of less than 500, and that left only two homes in the community untouched. Since those troubling times, the town has flourished, reaching a population of more than 2,300. Hampton Falls is a small but mighty town, dedicated to maintaining its lands and protecting our environment. If the past three centuries are any indication on the future, Hampton Falls is sure to persevere and prosper for years to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Town of Hampton Falls on this incredible milestone. I look forward to a continued partnership with Hampton Falls and its residents who I am proud to represent in Congress.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOELY  
PROUDFIT AS MY CONSTITUENT  
OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Carlsbad resident, educator, and fierce advocate for Indigenous peoples, Dr. Joely Proudfit, for my December Constituent of the Month. A Native Southern Californian and a Luiseño/Payómkawichum woman, Dr. Proudfit first tapped into her passion for activism in college as a way for her to stay connected to her Native ancestry and support Native peoples. As the first member of her family to complete a high school diploma, and now a renowned and tenured professor, Dr. Proudfit has dedicated her life's work to furthering the education and promotion of proper representation for Native Americans and Indigenous peoples in media and society.

Dr. Proudfit strives to serve as a role model to Native youth by encouraging all who enter her classroom that anyone can achieve success with self-determination and a desire for knowledge. Dr. Proudfit also uses her platform as an educator and highly visible advocate to shed light on the harmful stereotypes and false narratives perpetuated around American Indians and to change perceptions of tribal communities.

What makes California's 49th District so special is the rich blending of cultures, backgrounds, and walks of life throughout our communities. The voices and stories of Native Americans have fallen to the shadows far too often. I am so grateful to have leaders and role models like Dr. Proudfit who are the voices we need for these communities to be seen and heard. The contributions and voices of Native and Indigenous peoples are fundamental to our national story, and Dr. Proudfit's work to lift up tribal communities has made our community and our country stronger. I'm proud to recognize her as my December Constituent of the Month.

ROBERT DAMMINGER

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, a native of Paulsboro, New Jersey, Commissioner Director Dammingier attended and graduated from Paulsboro High School. His commitment to public service began as he was elected to hold a seat on the Paulsboro Council, which he served in graciously for eleven years. He was a member of the Public works, Finance and the Water Sewer Committees as well as Chair of the Public Safety Committee for 10 years.

During his tenure, Commissioner Director Dammingier has dutifully served eight terms over the span of eleven years on the County Board. Gloucester County being home to roughly three-hundred thousand residents, Commissioner Director Dammingier has led his fellow commissioners on the mission to provide the highest level of service while also enhancing the quality of life in the County.

Commissioner Director Dammingier's dedication to Gloucester County and its residents has resulted in efforts to permanently preserve more than twenty-thousand acres of farmland and open space. He also helped to secure millions in federal and state funding to improve the county's roads and infrastructure. Commissioner Director Dammingier is a trailblazer, credited with making Gloucester County the first county in the great state of New Jersey to regionalize the correctional system, putting the county on pace to save taxpayers a quarter-of-a-billion dollars over the next twenty-five years. Although his successor will be chosen in the coming months, it is evident that Commissioner Director Dammingier's impact on Gloucester County will be appreciated for years to come.

CONGRATULATING JAN OLIVER ON  
HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize and congratulate, the Committee's Chief Counsel, Jan Oliver on her upcoming retirement. Jan has been a stalwart for small businesses for years and has worked in public service for decades. From her time with now Senator PORTMAN to working at the White House to her service to this Committee, her steady guidance and

counsel has always been welcomed. Jan, thank you for the thoughtful insight and analysis on all issues, including and especially those pertaining to regulations and its impact on small businesses.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JUANITA  
CARRERE MITCHELL FOR CELE-  
BRATING 110 YEARS OF LIFE

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, life is precious, even if you live it for only a brief period of time. When you are blessed to live 110 years, one hundred and ten productive years, and be in relatively good health, good enough to talk several minutes with a Congressman who called your daughter to get some information, you are truly blessed.

Mrs. Juanita Mitchell was born December 15, 1911 in Nestor, Louisiana to Acklin and Cinderella Carrere. She remembers her grandmother cooking and people working in the field and harvesting the crops. She describes her grandfather as White, and remarks his family distanced themselves from him after he married a black woman, her grandmother.

Mrs. Mitchell and her family relocated to Chicago in 1919 following the death of her father. Her father left home going to New Orleans in preparation for war service. During his time in New Orleans, he took sick, was diagnosed with pneumonia, which became known as the plague. It was the loss of her father that prompted her mother to come to Chicago with her two girls. Mrs. Mitchell's relocation to Chicago was unsettling, when she came to Chicago in 1919 as race riots erupted. Mrs. Mitchell has vivid memories of these experiences and shares the events and how it felt as an 8-year-old child. She recalls hiding behind the piano in her uncle's home with her mother and younger sister. Juanita Mitchell lived through the Chicago race riots, the depression and segregated neighborhoods. She went on to marry and raise two children. Juanita Mitchell lived on 35th and Giles in Chicago. Her aunt and uncle, Dr. Carl White had a grocery store and his medical office across the street from Olivet Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mitchell attended Sunday School and church at Olivet Baptist Church. She attended Drake Elementary and Hyde Park High School. She then went on to business school and Washburn Trade where she studied Tailoring. Juanita and Morant Mitchell were married May 3, 1934. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 1984. Mr. Mitchell died in 1987. Mrs. Mitchell was always civic minded. She is a life-long Eastern Star and is a past worthy matron.

In moving to Flossmoor at the age 85, she continued her community engagement, serving on the beautiful Action Committee for her subdivision and attending village and association meetings at the age of 110 years old, and she continues to be a member of the "Belles of Ballantrae".

Congratulations to Mrs. Juanita Carrere Mitchell, on living a long and outstanding life.

I thank Mary for bringing her mother to our attention. Mary, John, and other members of the family have been truly blessed to have her with them for all of their lives. May she continue to live and enjoy life.

**SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED****JANUARY 26**

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed joint briefing on U.S. policy on Afghanistan.

CVC-200

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act.

SD-366

**FEBRUARY 1**

3 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the state of the U.S. territories.

SD-366